

SPENCER BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING
MARCH 11, 2008
7:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Jody Everhart
Mayor Pro-Tem Jeff Morris
Aldermen: Scott Benfield
Nick Bishop
Donnie Hinson
C. E. Spear
Ken Womble

Mayor Everhart opened the meeting with prayer in memory of Firefighters Justin Monroe and Victor Isler.

RECOGNITION – Alderman Benfield recognized Colin Crawford and Michael Bates for receiving their Eagle Scout awards. Mayor Everhart presented the Mayor’s Award to grandparents Millie and Eddie Thompson in honor of Savannah Latimore for winning the Parks Scholarship to N. C. State University.

1. PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCE 08-02 – HPC QUORUM

Mayor Everhart opened the public hearing. No one spoke in favor or against and the public hearing was closed.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN BISHOP TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 08-02, CHANGING THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION QUORUM FROM FIVE MEMBERS TO FOUR MEMBERS. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN MORRIS AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

OLD BUSINESS

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN BISHOP TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 9 AND FEBRUARY 12, 2008. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN WOMBLE AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. MAYORAL & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Recreation Committee Chair Ken Womble reviewed the criteria for choosing the outstanding student at each of the three North Rowan schools, to receive a Certificate of Achievement at the Town Board of Aldermen meeting.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN BISHOP TO ADOPT THE CRITERIA AND BEGIN THE PROGRAM OF STUDENT RECOGNITION. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN HINSON AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Other committee chairmen reported on activities since the last Board meeting, several items of which are on the agenda.

4. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS were given by Land Management Director Dustin Wilson, Police Chief Robert Bennett, Fire Chief Jay Baker, Town Clerk Lisa Perdue, and Public Works Director Barry Pruett.

5. TOWN MANAGER LARRY SMITH reported that Community Appearance Commission members are working on the application for the Safe Routes to Schools program, and explained Rowan County's Special Waste Recycling Event on April 3, 2008.

NEW BUSINESS

6. OPEN COMMENT

7. DONATION REQUEST – FIRE & RESCUE HONOR GUARD

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN WOMBLE TO DONATE \$200 TO ROWAN COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE HONOR GUARD IN MEMORY OF VIC ISLER AND JUSTIN MONROE. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN HINSON AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

8. RESOLUTION – DUKE ENERGY EXPANSION

Randy Welch, representing Duke Energy, gave a presentation on the "New Generation", a planned combined cycle plant at Buck Steam Station.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION SUPPORTING DUKE ENERGY'S EFFORTS TO CONSTRUCT A COMBINED CYCLE NATURAL GAS FIRED GENERATION FACILITY AT THEIR BUCK STEAM PLANT SITE. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BISHOP AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD – MONITORING WELLS

Robert MacWilliams and Chris Steesfeld from URS and Billy Meyer from NCDENR/DSCA are requesting permission to install monitoring wells in the 400 block of Yadkin Avenue right of way (two in the street and one in the grass area).

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD TO ALLOW THE MONITORING WELLS TO BE INSTALLED AS SHOWN ON THE MAP AS REQUESTED. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN MORRIS AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. REQUEST FOR STOP SIGN – NINTH AND ROWAN

Following discussion, **MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN WOMBLE TO INSTALL THE THREE-WAY STOP SIGN AT NINTH STREET AND SOUTH ROWAN AVENUE AS REQUESTED. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF FIVE:**

AYES: BENFIELD, BISHOP, HINSON, SPEAR, WOMBLE

NAYS: MORRIS

11. DISCUSSION – I-85 FAST TRACK WIDENING PROJECT

Mayor Everhart reviewed the highlights of the resolution passed in December, clarifying that Spencer is not opposed to a toll road if it is determined to be necessary.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN BISHOP TO REAFFIRM SUPPORT OF THE RESOLUTION PASSED IN DECEMBER 2007 CONCERNING I-85 FAST TRACK WIDENING, WHATEVER FUNDING IS NECESSARY. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN WOMBLE AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

12. RESOLUTION – MUNICIPAL ANNEXATION STATUTES

City of Salisbury has requested that Spencer adopt a Resolution in Support of Sound, Fair and Uniform Municipal Annexation Statutes.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD TO TABLE AGENDA ITEM #12 AND #13 CONCERNING ANNEXATION RESOLUTIONS UNTIL THE MAYOR APPOINTS A COMMITTEE TO STUDY BOTH RESOLUTIONS AND MAKE A RECOMMENDATION. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN MORRIS AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mayor Everhart appointed Mayor Pro-Tem Jeff Morris, Alderman Scott Benfield, and Alderman Donnie Hinson to serve as a committee to study the two resolutions.

13. RESOLUTION – MORATORIUM ON FORCED ANNEXATION

Rowan County has requested that Spencer adopt a Resolution of Non-Opposition to a Temporary Moratorium on Forced Annexation in Rowan County. (See previous agenda item.)

14. RESOLUTION – NORTH ROWAN CONFERENCE RECLASSIFICATION

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION SEEKING THE ROWAN-SALISBURY SCHOOL BOARD'S ASSISTANCE TO MAINTAIN NORTH ROWAN HIGH SCHOOL AS A 2A CONFERENCE 9 SCHOOL. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BISHOP AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

15. OTHER BUSINESS

With no further business, Mayor Everhart adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa B. Perdue
Clerk to the Board